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### WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES.

The circulation of alleged irregularities in the accounts of county officers in San Miguel and Eddy and other counties after deducting the political expense which must be always counted on, state it tolerably certain that there is considerable room for improvement in the administration of county affairs in New Mexico.

Were it possible to say that when such irregularities occur in any county, it is the county's fault and it is left to the people of the county to work for their own salvation, the case might be different; and herein lies a fundamental wrong in our system of government in New Mexico. The state government will never be placed upon a sound basis until the state is no longer dependent in large measure upon the counties for its support. Incompetence or dishonesty in any county, under the present system, means that the whole state suffers therefrom, and that the state revenues are jeopardized thereby.

The Herald believes that it is the duty of the state legislature, even if an amendment to the state constitution is necessary, to segregate certain subjects of taxation—corporations or inheritance or similar subjects, any or all of them, to supply revenues for the support exclusively of the state government. Let the taxes for the maintenance of the state government come direct from the taxpayer to the state instead of being levied by the county assessor. Under the present system a certain proportion of the taxes collected in each county goes to the state. The system makes it an object for each county to attempt to keep down its valuation in order to avoid paying an undue proportion for the support of the state government.

One of the most effective methods of discouraging and eliminating official corruption and irregularities in the county is to reorganize the system so that only the county will suffer. Put it up to the people of the community to assure honest and capable community administration or take the consequences and the situation will soon take care of itself. Not only will the state no longer have to bear the brunt of pecuniary loss through local misadministration, but there will no longer be opportunity for the state to make political capital out of alleged county wrong doing.

It is the only sensible, logical, efficient system of revenue to separate county and state taxation entirely. The sooner it is done the sooner will the state escape the evils of local graft or incompetence.

The county unit plan of boosting and development, of road building and school administration and all phases of progress is becoming recognized more and more as the efficient plan. The county unit plan of taxation will work with equal benefit to the county taxpayer—make it his own financial and arrange it so that the people of Laui county, for instance, will not help bear the burden of loss to the state through whatever irregularities, for instance, may have really occurred in San Miguel county. Localize the responsibility and the result and if the ballot box retains its power in this kind of the free rest ought to take care of itself.

Secure the voters in San Miguel or Eddy or any other county can be trusted to take care of their own pocketbooks.

### CLEAN HANDS.

The assertion is sometimes made that it is alone the "filthy habit" of the typhoid carrier that make him a public danger. If he could be made to wash his hands it is alleged, transference of infection would be prevented. Those who regard bacterial cleanliness as simply a matter of careful hand-washing are likely to obtain disappointing results if a recent experiment performed by Cummings is at all indicative of what may occur under ordinary conditions of life. This observer, after dipping the right index finger in a solution containing typhoid bacilli, proceeded to carry out measures of cleansing as follows:

1. Washed in cold solution. 2. Then held the finger under the tap, running first in cold, then in very hot water. 3. Washed very carefully in about 0.5 c.c. of sterile water, in a watch-glass, and placed the whole

of the water used for this purpose. Results: Three hundred and thirteen colonies of bacilli typhosa on the plate. 4. After washing in sterile water mentioned, the tip of the finger was thoroughly soaked in absolute alcohol, allowed to dry, and this washing in sterile water repeated. The "bacilli" were again "plated." Results: Four colonies of B. typhosa. Even when the fingers are thoroughly rubbed with a towel and the danger of finger infection thereby lessened, it is obvious that the typhoid in its turn may become infected. The act of accident that may follow from such conditions is illustrated by another observation of the same author.

On September 25, 1912, 150 c.c. of soup freshly prepared from the "stock pot" was placed in a china bowl, no attempt being made to sterilize the bowl or to cover it from the air. The tip of the experimenter's right index finger was allowed to come in contact with a solution containing typhoid bacilli. The china bowl was then lifted in such a manner that the infected finger came in contact for a moment with the contained soup. The soup was left at room temperature with free access of air and dust to the open bowl. Bacterial examination showed that typhoid bacilli were present apparently in pure culture, numbering 15,500 per cubic centimeter.

Such facts as these, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, add strength to the agitation for better supervision over the conditions of those persons engaged in serving and preparing food for large numbers of people. The action of the Pennsylvania railroad in providing for the systematic inspection of all of its employees in the restaurant and dining car systems has already been noted. This example should be followed by the management of other organizations engaged in the handling and serving of food on a large scale. Social clubs and similar bodies, as pointed out by a correspondent recently, are often lax in this regard. The supervision of cooks and waiters in dining cars, hotels, restaurants and clubs is certainly a matter that deserves more attention than it has yet received. "Defective plumbing" is far less important.

### COST OF FOGS TO LONDON.

The cost of fog to Londoners is enormous. Daily losses on one of the worst "black days" may be tabulated as follows:

Tramways, £2000; extra gas, £5000; extra electric light, £12,500; tug and barge owners, £2000; cabmen, £1000; theaters, etc., £2000.

Ship owners lose immense sums, railway companies have to engage hundreds of extra men, at about 25 10s an hour per hundred. A terrible week of fogs in November, 1901, cost the railway companies £200,000.

Fog also makes all classes of people unpunctual, and, calculating that 2,000,000 people are late for business a quarter of an hour, the aggregate loss of time is equal to fifty-six years' continuous work by one person, worth, at one shilling an hour, £25,000.

General Felix Diaz got it in the neck finally; that is, stabbed—not chucked into one of Huerta's prisons.

Huerta has a grip on the job like unto that of a new Democratic postmaster.

### WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING

Women workers are becoming scarce in England.

Seventy per cent of the theater goers are women.

The Duchess of Westminster has been awarded £100,000 a year allowance.

The Royal Society of Canada will hereafter admit women to its councils.

## JABS In the Solar Plexus.

New York Drama.  
These shows along the great white way  
I never could abide.  
I do not care to see a play  
That needs formaldehyde.

BLANKS is back from the Grand Canyon. The grandest feature of it he saw was a pretty girl on a brown mule going down the trail.

A FAMILY TREE is all right, but out in this country the man with a few bearing apple trees makes a bigger noise in the realm of arboriculture.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER—What do you mean by the quick and the dead.

Artie Aranda—Them as gets out of the way of autos is quick, and them as don't is dead.

A YOUNG WOMAN with a wasp like waist faints in the street one day and was carried into the Park drug store. An Irishman who had observed the occurrence looked in after a few minutes and inquired: "How is she?" "Oh," said the druggist, "she's coming to." "Ah," replied Pat, "come in two, has she? Poor thing! Dead, it's just what I was afraid of."—Field and Farm.

"GENTLEMEN of the jury," announced the attorney for the defense, "my client is accused of operating a speakeasy. I will have the defendant take the stand."

"Mr. Whistler, are you the defendant in this case?"

"Y-y-y-yes, w-w-w-ah."

"Will you pronounce your name for the jury?"

"T-t-t-tom-tom-tom-tom W-h-h-h-h-l-s-t-e-r."

And without leaving the box the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

THE FACT that the pitcher on the ball team gets a larger salary than the minister in the pulpit is also explained on the theory that he generally has a better delivery.

THE CHAUFFAUGA season being over, Secretary Bryan has bought a fuzzy hat for \$8, part of the proceeds, no doubt, and has settled down to keeping silent.

CARNegie is now stated to be the man who put the dough in doughnuts.

MEANWHILE the Kaiser is said to be still riding cheerfully on the water wagon.

THAT idea of importing a presidential for Mexico isn't so bad. There's Castro and there's Abdul Aziz, for instance.

THEY USED to kill the fatted calf for the prodigal son. Nowadays Father lets him use the best motor car.

A NEW YORK Policeman left an estate of \$10.30. For a New York policeman he must have been a rapid little spender.

PARBOILED sand is said to have been successfully used in Indiana as a cure for stomach trouble. New Mexico ought to have enough of the commodity on hand to make this state one of the greatest stomach-trouble resorts on earth.

AFTER ALL, if we are going to scrutinize very closely the past history of the government of every country with which Uncle Sam has relations, it won't be long until we are unable to recognize any of them.

ONE IMPORTANT fact of which we are apt to lose sight is that it is Mexico's own funeral.

WARNING—Don't break any more legs than is absolutely necessary. A scarcity in material for wooden legs is reported.

THEY SAY the football death rate is decreasing this season. What's the use of football, then? One by one they are robbing us of all the thrills that used to make existence bearable.

RINGS on her fingers and rings in her nose, is the revised duty in view of the arrival of the French actress with a delicate gold band in her nose, transference, if we may use the term without giving offense. Day by day we are approaching the high standard of civilization of the intelligent and progressive Zulu.

DISAPPOINTED again. We learn there is no truth in the rumor that Anna Held's special train is gold-plated.

THERE is nothing so rare as a day in June save a New Mexico day in November.

—E. D. J.

### THIS IS MY 54TH BIRTHDAY

## A SCHOOL FOR THE "HAND-MINDED"

"I like this school because I never could have the hand anything, and I am more use in the world." This is the way a girl pupil in the elementary industrial school of Cleveland, O., describes her impressions of the new kind of school work, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States Bureau of Education.

The elementary industrial school was established to give "hand-minded" boys and girls as good a chance as the "language-minded" have always had. Cleveland was one of the first cities in the United States to make a distinction between the two types of children—those who take to books and those who do not. In Cleveland, as in most American cities, about half the children have been leaving school in the sixth grade. The Cleveland school authorities saw that much of this waste of time and energy was due to the abstract intellectual effort on boys and girls whose interest was in doing things. The elementary industrial school was meant to meet this situation. To it boys and girls were admitted if they were over 13 years of age and were two or more years behind their grade in school.

In this school one-half of the time is devoted to English, mathematics, geography, history—the two in close connection—and to hygiene of a thoroughly practical character. The remaining half is given to manual and industrial work—including shop work—to domestic economy and gymnastic practice. A poll of the pupils showed that with the girls cooking and sewing were favorite subjects; with the boys, mechanical drawing and woodworking. In other words, the same type which it is proposed to have in Cleveland, it is probable that the course will be extended to include a year or more of definitely vocational or trade school work, in preparation for specific employment.

The school has been successful, even in the face of adverse conditions. The enrollment has doubled in the past four years. Pupils who had long since lost interest in school work of any kind, some to the extent of being known as "dullards and incorrigibles," have become eager and alert, not only in the hand subjects but in the academic work as well.

In speaking of the Cleveland work, Prof. W. N. Hallmann, author of the bureau's bulletin, says: "The ordinary school was born among and for the language-minded, intellectual and physical culture—not manual self expression and economic insight—was its aim. The industrial worker was practically excluded from it; he had no leisure for it, no time to engage in it. This one-sidedness still clings to the school, and it is hard to eradicate."

The Cleveland elementary industrial school may not offer the best general solution, certainly not the only solution of the problem; but it offers a solution that lies in the right direction, and one which is at least a promising beginning."

## NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books suitable for the Five Year Old.  
The Brownies, Their Book, Palmer Cox.  
The Brownies Abroad, Palmer Cox.  
Tale of Benjamin Bunny, Beatrix Potter.

Tale of Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter.  
Timmy Tiptoes, Beatrix Potter.  
Tale of Squirrel Nutkin, Beatrix Potter.

The Live Dolls' Playdays, Josephine S. Gates.  
Mother Goose's Teddy Bears, F. L. Cavally, Jr.  
Goose and Hen to Be Them, Gellert Burgess.

Books for the Seven Year Old.  
Adventures of Robin Hood, Howard Pyle.  
Dorothy's Rabbit Stories, Mary E. Calhoun.  
True Stories About Dogs, Lillian Gask.

Tommy Trot, Visit to Santa Claus, Jean Fairbanks, L. A. Brown.  
Folk Tales From Many Lands, L. Gask.

The Snow Baby, Josephine D. Perry.  
Fables in Feathers, S. T. Bourke.  
Myths Every Child Should Know, H. W. Mabie.

For the Older Ones.  
Stories of the Gods and Girls, Open Air Clubs, T. H. Russell.  
Lessons From Nature's Workshop, W. J. Claxton.

With the Indians in the Rockies, J. W. Schultz.  
Knights of the Golden Spur, R. S. Holland.  
Canoe-Race and Campfires, W. M. Graydon.

Exploits of Samford, Dora F. Medley.  
Heroes of Modern Europe, Alice Birkenhead.  
Children of Japan, Muller.

Cinderella and other Stories, Chisholm.  
Mother West Wind's Neighbors, Burgess.  
Fairy Tales Children Love, Charles Welch.

Shakespeare's English Kinks, Thomas Carter.  
The Red Fox, R. M. Ballantyne.  
Dorothy Brings Series, Sparhawk.  
When America Becomes a Nation, Tudor Jenks.

Magazines.  
The Youth's Companion, Saint Nicholas.

Mark Twain, about the time that he was working hard upon one of the earlier books that brought him fame, sailed for a tour of Europe with his family.

He kept up his writing on ship-board and only left it at intervals for brief recreation.

One day, as an approaching storm drove him inside the cabin and he went back to work, leaving word with his daughter, then a very little girl, to explain his absence.

"If they ask for me," he said to her, "say that I won't be home—I am only going to write an anecdote."

## A LEAF FROM BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

Pap took me to the kuntry to see my Aunt Bess yesterday, and while I was out there I started to look under the sofa in the sitting room just for fun and hear what was under there but a good base bawl, and I sed, G, Aunt Bess, wats this base bawl doing under heer, and she sed, Jest taking a real, I suppose, do you want it, and I sed, Yes man, our team can use it.

Me being kaptin of the In-yah-yahs and having to perside most of the bawls.

On the way home the traps had so many peep in it it was pritty near full, and pap had to set neeset to sum fat lady and I sat down in the seat behind him, neeset to a littel girl with a pink ribbon awn her bare and pink stockings half way up to her knees, the uthr half being lost and sed, as soon as I sat down she turned her head around and started to look at me as if she never say a boy before and stir a while she sed, Wats yure naim.

Wat do you want to do for, I sed, O Jest because, she sed, wat is it, Wats yures, I sed.

Jenny Kelly, she sed, now wats yures.

Benny Potts, I sed, and she sed, Wats that making yure cute pocket stick out, kandy.

No, I sed, its only a base bawl, and she sed, I don't believe it, let me see. Wich I did, taking the base bawl out of my pocket and holding it up, saying, See it, and she sed, Let me see it in my hand.

Its only a regular base bawl, I sed, starting to put it back in my pocket, and she sed, Please let me see it in my hand, I sed, here it is, are you strayed it, hert it.

Jest a regular base bawl, I sed, And I let her see it in her hand, and she took it and looked at it amint and then wat did she do but put it undreneath her and aer awn it.

Hay, I sed, I want that, our teams going to play with that.

I dont kare, she sed, and I sed, well I do, I want that. And she didnt say anything and unthir stayshin went past, and I sed, Hay, I want that, and she started to look out of the window as if she wasent setting awn anything and Jest then pap turned around, saying, Get ready to disembarck at the pocket stayshin, sun. Then he turned around agen and I sed to the perl, Are you going to give me that, And she kept looking out of the window and the trane started to go slo and I kwick reatched undir her and tried to get the bawl and she started to skreetch like anything as if she was getting ran over or sumthing, and pap kwick turned around, saying, Wats the trubel, wats the trubel, for the bover Mike.

Shes setting awn my base bawl and she want ket awf, I sed.

I am not, I am not, she yelled lowd as anything, and I sed, Yure a big story teller, you are, and pap sed, Well, the trane stopped now, let the libel sufferajet hatch it out if she wants to and Ill buy you anuthir wun.

And pap and mei got awf the trane, pap saying, That act to be a leasin to you, Wich may be it will be.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1775—Joseph Hewes, a North Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence, died in Philadelphia. Born in Kingston, N. J., in 1739.

1799—Council of Five Hundred deposed by Bonaparte, who was declared First Consul.

1816—More than 100 lives lost in the wreck of the transport "Harpur" off the coast of Newfoundland.

1825—Commodore Thomas Macdonough, "the hero of Lake Champlain," died in Portsmouth, N. H. Born in Newcastle county, Delaware, Dec. 23, 1782.

1841—Joaquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras," born in Wabash, Ind. Died near Oakland, Cal., Feb. 17, 1912.

1855—General Colinvaughn took command of the British forces in the Crimea.

1921—First world's convention of the W. C. T. U. met in Boston.

1904—U. S. battleship New Jersey launched at Quincy, Mass.

1912—The Rt. Hon. James Bryce resigned his post as British ambassador to the United States.

Jim was a new porter in the hotel, and he was putting in his first night at his new and responsible position. It was five in the morning and so far Jim had done all he was told, and was getting on splendidly.

"Call 17 and 4," commanded the night clerk as he looked over his call sheet, Jim obeyed. After he had been gone for a considerable time the clerk went up to see if he had called the rooms designated.

"Well," stighed the new porter, whom he found on the third floor, "I've got seventeen of 'em up, but I haven't started on the other four yet."—National Food Magazine.

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## LITTLE STORIES FROM WASHINGTON.

nothing could shake him from his method.

A friend of Marshall, who happened to know his secret, offered to let a hat with another friend one day that he couldn't get the governor out of the building except through the one door.

"The thing looked so absurdly easy that the man was almost ashamed to enter into such a bet, and would not have done so if he hadn't felt that he needed a new hat.

He walked casually over to the governor and told him he had something important to show him outside of the building.

"There's a wall over here crumbling and fixing to tumble down," he said; "our Indiana limestones doesn't seem to be all it's cracked up to be." Marshall consented to go and went to get his hat, while the man stood chucking over the case with which he was about to win his wager. He

took the governor by the arm to steer him in the right direction and set out down the corridor with high hopes.

Marshall kept edging toward the east, with a dotted line running from his eyes to a certain door.

"The wall I want to show you is over here on the west side," explained the friend, tagging him by the arm gently.

"We'll go out this way and walk around," said Marshall, in a firm tone that barred further yanking at his arm.

And the intrepid friend had to buy a \$5 hat.

It's the same way now in Washington, Marshall never enters or leaves a national capitol except by the door in the senate wing that he used when he first entered the building on March 4 last.

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